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RULES, ORDERS and Directions made and Eſtabliſhed by Us the Lord Lieutenant and Councel, for the better Regulating of the Corporation of the Citie of *Lymerick*, and the Electing of Magiſtrates and Officers there.

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WHEREAS in and by one Act of Parliament, lately made in this Kingdom; Entituled, An Act for the Explaining of ſome doubts ariſing upon An Act; Entituled, An Act, for the better Execution of His Majeſties Gracious Declaration for the Settlement of His Kingdom of *Ireland*, and Satisfaction of the ſe-

veral intereſts of Adventurers, Souldiers, and other His Subjects there; And for making ſome alterations of, and additions unto the ſaid Act, for the more ſpeedy and effectual Settlement of the ſaid Kingdom.

IT is amongſt other things therein contained, Enacted, That it ſhall, and may be lawful to, and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor, or Governors, and Council of *Ireland* for the time being, from time to time, and at all times to come, during the ſpace of Seven years, to be accompted from the Nine and twentieth day of *September*, One thouſand ſix hundred ſixty five, to make and eſtabliſh ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions, for the better regulating of all Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations, both New and Old, and ſuch as ſhall be created within this Kingdom, and the Electing of Magiſtrates and Officers there, and to inflict ſuch penalties for the breach thereof, as they in their wiſedomes ſhall think fit, ſo as the penalties for breach of the Rules, Orders, and Directions to be made, touching ſuch Corporations, do not extend farther than to the Removal and Diſfranchiſment of ſuch Perſons, as ſhall be found guilty of the breach thereof; and ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions, ſo to be made as aforeſaid, ſhall be as good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purpoſes, as if the ſame had been ſpecially and particularly Eſtabliſhed by Authority of this preſent Parliament, and ſhall remain, continue, and abide in force, for ſuch and ſo long time, as in the ſaid Rules, Orders, and Directions ſhall be limited and appointed, any thing in the ſaid Act, or otherwiſe to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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WE the Lord Lieutenant and counsil in pursuance of the said Act, and, the Authority thereby given unto Us, have thought fit to make and establish And We do hereby Ordain and establish the Rules, Orders, and Directions hereafter mentioned, for the better Regulating of the corporation of the said City of Limerick, and the Electing of Magistrates and Officers there

First, That upon all Elections to be hereafter made, after the Last day of October next, of any person or persons to serve in any of the Offices of Mayor, Sheriffs, Recorder, or Town-clerk of the said corporation, the names of the persons to be Elected to serve in the said several Offices, shall be by the said corporation, forthwith presented to the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and the Privy council of this Kingdom to be approved of by them, and the said persons to be Elected for any the said Offices, shall be for ever hereafter incapable of serving in the said several Offices, or any of them, untill they shall be respectively approved of by the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and the Privy council of this Kingdom, by Order under their hands; And in case the persons, or any of them, whose names shall be so presented to the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours and council of this Kingdom, shall not be so approved of within Ten dayes after their names shall be so presented, then and in such case the said Corporation shall from time to time proceed

to a new Election of fit persons for the said respective Offices, for which the persons so returned shall not be so approved of, and shall [illegible] their names to the said Lord Lieutenant or other chief Governour [illegible], and privy council of this Kingdom, until they shall have chosen such persons for the said respective Offices, as shall be approved of as aforesaid.

And that all the said Officers that are annually chosen in the said City, into the said Offices, or any of them shall be first Elected for the said respective Offices on the Monday next following Midsomer day yearly, and to enter upon the Execution of their respective Offices, on such dayes as hath been formerly accustomed, to the end that there may be sufficient time between such their Election, and their entring upon the Execution of their said respective Offices, for the obtaining of the approbation of the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours and Council of this Kingdom, and for the making of new Elections in the places of such who shall not be so approved of. Provided allwayes that this rule shall not extend to the Election of any persons, that shall be Elected in the place of any of the said Officers annually chosen, who shall dye within the year of their Execution of the said respective Offices, or within one moneth before they are to enter upon the execution thereof.

Secondly, That no person or persons, that shall be hereafter Elected, either Mayor, Recorder, Sheriffs, Treasurer, Alderman, Town-clerk, or one of the Common-coun-

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cel within the said City, or Corporation, or Master, or Wardens of any Corporation, Guild or Fraternity within the said City or corporation, shall be capable of holding, enjoying or executing any the said Offices, places or imployments, until he or they shall have taken the oath of Supremacy, Established by Act of Parliament 2do Elizabethæ in this Kingdom, & the Oath of Allegiance, besides the Oaths usually taken upon the admission of any persons into the said Respective Offices, places, or Employments. And also this ensuing Oath, viz. I *A. B.* do Declare and Believe, That it is not lawful, upon any pretence whatsoever, to take Arms against the KING; And that I do abhor that Trayterous Position of taking Arms by His Authority against His Person, or against those that are Commissioned by him. So help me GOD. The said Oaths to be taken, before such person or persons as shall admit them to the said several Offices, places, and employments (who are hereby impowered authorized and required to administer to them the said Oaths) and upon any such person or persons refusal to take the said Oaths, The Election of such person or persons into any of the said Offices, places, and employments, is hereby declared to be absolutely null and void (such persons onely excepted, with whose taking the said Oath of Supremacy, the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governour or Governours of this Kingdom for the time being for some particular Reasons shall think fit by writing under his or their hand by Name to dispence.

Thirdly, For the avoiding of such Tumults

and Disorders wherewith Popular Elections of Magistrates are often attended; We do hereby further Order and Direct, that for ever hereafter, the Mayor, Sheriffs, Recorder, Town-clerk, and all other Officers of the said City of Lymerick, shall be Elected and chosen onely by the Mayor, Sheriffs and Common-councel of the said City of Lymerick, or the greater number of the Votes of such of the common-councel of the said City of Lymerick, as shall be present on the dayes whereon such Elections are or ought to be usually made; And that no Freeman of the said City, or other person, who shall not be of the common-councel of the said City, shall at any time hereafter have any Vote in the Election of any Mayor, Sheriffs, Recorder or Town-clerk, or other Officers in the said City of Lymerick. And that no matter or thing in any wise relating to the affairs of the said City, shall be hereafter propounded or debated in any Dear-hundred, or General Assembly of the said City, untill the same shall have first past the common-councel of the said City, and that the persons offending against this Rule, shall be Disfranchised by the Mayor, and common-councel of the said City, any Law, Usage, or custom of the said city, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Fourthly, That all Foreigners, Strangers, and Aliens, as well others as Protestants, who are or shall be Merchants, Traders, Artizans, Artificers, Seamen, or otherwise skilled and exercised in any Mystery, Craft, or Trade; or in the worke-

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ing or making any manufacture, or in the Art of Navigation, who are at present residing and inhabiting within the said city of Lymerick, or who shall at any time hereafter come into the said city, with intent and resolution there to inhabit, reside, and dwell, shall upon his or their reasonable suit or request made, and upon payment down, or tender of Twenty shillings by way of Fine, into the chief Magistrate or Magistrates and Common-councel; or other persons authorized to admit, and make Freemen of the said city, be admitted a Freeman of the said city. And if he or they shall desire it, of all or any Guild, Brother-hood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or other mystery within the same during his or their residence for the most part, and his and their Families constant inhabiting within the said city, and no longer; and shall have, exercise, and enjoy all priviledges and immunities of Trading, Buying, Working and Selling, in as large and ample manner as any Freeman of the said city, might have, exercise or enjoy by vertue of his or their Freedom: And that every such person or persons, who shall be admitted to be free as aforesaid, shall from thenceforth be deemed, esteemed, and taken and be Denizen and Denizens within this Kingdom, any Law Statute, Charter, Usage, or Custome of this Kingdom, or of any City, Walled-town, or Corporation of the same, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided alwayes, That all such Strangers, Artificers,

cers, and others, to be admitted Freemen as aforesaid, shall take the Oath of Allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and also such other Oaths as are accustomably taken by all or any Freemen, or members of the said City, or by all or any the members of any such Guild, or Brotherhood; Society, or Fellowship of the Trade, Craft, or other mystery, which he or they shall occupy, or exercize, in case he or they shall desire to be incorporated into any such Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship aforesaid, and shall pay all such and like Charges, as all Freemen his Majesties subjects, of the like Trade, Craft, or mystery, shall or do use to pay, and no other or more; And that if the chief Magistrate or Magistrates or other persons authorized as aforesaid, of the said City or any Master, Warden, or other Governour of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship; or any Trade, Craft, or Mystery within the said City shall refuse to admit any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, residing or coming into this Kingdom, with intent as aforesaid, to be a Freeman of the said city or to be a Brother or member of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship within the same, every such chief Magistrate or Magistrates, Master, Wardens, or other Governours respectively shall (upon complaint and due proof made, of such refusal, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour

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or Governours, and Council of this Kingdom, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thencefoorth incapable (without their Licence) of being a Freeman or member of the said city, And every such Stranger being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, upon tender by him made of Twenty shillings, by way of Fine as aforesaid, and taking the Oath of Allegiance before any Justice of Peace, of the County of Lymerick (who is hereby authorized and appointed to administer the said Oath) shall thereupon by vertue hereof, be deemed, reputed, and taken to all intents and purposes to be a Freeman or member of the said city, and of the Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery, where he or they shall be denyed admission as aforesaid; And thencefoorth have, exercize, and enjoy the liberty and priviledge of Trading, Working, Buying or Selling of any commodities whatsoever, in as large and ample manner, as if he had been admitted a Freeman of the said city, a Brother or member of such Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery within the same, taking the usual Oaths of such Freemen, Brothers or members, which Oaths any one Justice of the Peace of the said county of lymerick, shall have power to administer, & paying all such charges as aforesaid, any Law, Custome, Charter or Usage, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And in case any

perſon or perſons ſhall give any interruption or diſturbance to any ſuch Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman, or Seaman as aforeſaid, to the hindring him in his Trading, Working, Buying or Selling as aforeſaid, contrary to the intent and meaning hereof, all and every ſuch perſon and perſons ſo offending, ſhall upon like complaint and proof made of his or their offence therein, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours and Council of this Kingdom for the time being, be by their Order Diſfranchiſed, and from thenceforth incapable without their Licence of being made a Freeman or member of the ſaid city.

And theſe Our Rules, Orders, and directions, We do hereby Order and Eſtabliſh for ever hereafter, to continue in force within the ſaid City of Lymerick, and within the Corporations thereof.

And that the ſame be forthwith inrolled in the Rolls of his Majeſties high-court of Chancery in this Kingdom.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Dublin*, the Three and Twentieth day of *September*, 1672.

Ja. Armachanus. Mich. Dublin *Canc.* Drogheda. Arran. Conway & Kilulta. Maſſereene. Hen. Midenſis. Fran. Aungier. Art. Forbeſe. Jo. Byſſe. Rob. Byron. Will. Stewart. Hen. Ingoldesby. Theo. Jones. Char. Meredyth.

GOD ſave the King.